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--4. (New) A mediating system centrally located among "n" application systems respectively operated within an operation operating environment and being configured to support data transfers among the application systems, comprising:

one data entry connected to each of said "n" application systems;

"n" data exits connected respectively to said respective "n" application systems;

a transmission function group linked to said one data entry and to said "n" data exits for receiving data originated from one of said "n" application systems and for transmitting the data received through said data entry to a destination application system among said "n" application

- 5. (New) The mediating system of claim 4, further comprising:
- a database for storing destination names; and

adaptor means inserted between each of said "n" application systems for supporting connection between the mediating system and the destination application system.

6. (New) A mediating system centrally located among a plurality of application systems, the mediating system configured to support data transfers among the application systems, comprising:

a data entry connected to each application system;

a plurality of data exits, each data exit connected to a corresponding application system;

a transmission function group linked to said data entry connected to a first application system and to at least one of said data exits connected to a second application system for receiving data originating from said first application system and for transmitting the data received through said data entry to the second application system; and

a transmission path determination function group for selectively determining said second application system among said plurality of application systems in accordance with a destination name attached to the data received through said data entry.

- 7. (New) The mediating system of claim 6, further comprising:
- a database for storing destination names; and

an adaptor situated between each of said application systems, wherein each of said adaptor supports connection between the mediating system and the second application system.--

